

Having Graduated in Communications from U of WI, and studied b'casting with Ron Bornstein, I am well away of the historical background in this country of the use public airwaves and the fareness doctrin.

I also worked at WHA-TV as well as KYW-TV, at the time affiliated with NBC, and owned by Westinghouse. I am discouraged and angry with the direction News is taking (lacking objectivity, comfortably flaunting corporate bias) obviously influenced and manipulated by corporate ownership with greater and greater concentration of such ownership in many markets.

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to coerce their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's forthcoming b'cast of "Stolen Honor" (should be called Stolen Airwaves) is a good example of why the FCC and Congress should be continuing strict and limited ownership of the public airwaves, as has served our population well in the past for balanced, local, (hopefully) more objective and responsible reporting of the news.

There used tok be more accountability when it came time to renew a station's license. It is clear to me that with the move to weaken the laws of ownership and oversight by the FCC and Congress, our government is caving in to corporate greed and self interest.

Thanks for your time to consider this opinion.